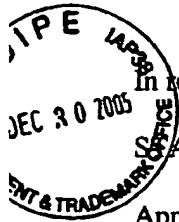


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Action dated September 30, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Any one of the underlined passages in the above quotation exemplifying "Acceptable Multiple Dependent Claim Wording" is the same as or equivalent to Applicants' recitation of "any one of claims 1 or 4 to 8," which clearly meets the basic requirement that a dependent claim can be dependent on only one preceding claim at a time. This may properly be accomplished by various wording, including the use of the alternative "or", but also by reciting "any one of", or "one of" etc. The multiple dependent wording of claims 13 and 14 is thus clearly acceptable, and it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

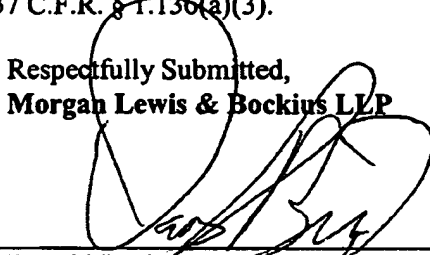
It is believed that all grounds for rejection and/or objection have been addressed above and appropriately overcome by the above amendments and/or the foregoing remarks, or obviated by cancellation of the involved claims. Therefore, withdrawal of each ground for rejection and/or objection, and the allowance of all claims as amended above are respectfully requested.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Director is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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